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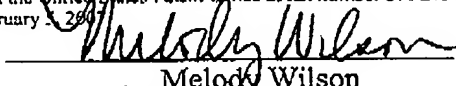
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in reply to the Office Action dated October 4, 2006. Please enter the amendment and reconsider the application in light of the amendment and the appended remarks. A request for a one-month extension of time accompanies this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.